

COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Stendal-Borstel Airfield

EVALUATION 25X1

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DATE OF CONTENT prior to 22 November 1952

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1. In early November 1952, [redacted] the commanding officer of the air unit stationed at Stendal-Borstel airfield was Lieutenant Colonel Zidoryuk; Senior Lieutenant Yakushov was the supply officer of this unit. From 50 to 60 single-engine aircraft were stationed at the installation. Aircraft revetments were being built around the landing field. Artillery soldiers were also observed at the barracks installation of the field.¹

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2. During the period from 10 to 18 November, about 50 of the planes previously housed in the hangars of the field left the installation, allegedly for Doberitz. Subsequently, most of the aircraft previously parked in the open, were taken into the hangars. Those planes which remained parked in the open were guarded by watch dogs. Signal soldiers and 30 new motor vehicles arrived at the field. In the vicinity of the field, numerous AAA emplacements were observed.²

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3. Between 16 and 22 November, the Russians started to paint the green IL-10s black. By 22 November, three of the planes were given a new coat of black paint.

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4. Eight aircraft revetments were completed in front of the fuel dump. Behind each revetment there was a trench about 8 meters long covered by boards. More aircraft revetments were under construction in the southern portion of the field. An estimated 30 such revetments were under construction at the installation.³ The tents previously observed near the AAA emplacements had disappeared. The AAA soldiers lived in underground bunkers.⁴

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1. [redacted] Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Zidoryuk is reported for the first time, while information on Senior Lieutenant Yakushov was previously transmitted by [redacted]. The two officers are believed to be assigned to the ground unit of the ground attack regiment stationed at the field.

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Comment. The fuel dump is at the western edge of the field, near the spur track.

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Comment. Three AA emplacements of 6 x 37-mm guns each are available in the immediate vicinity of the installation.

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